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The year's work was based in Monasterevin. The year began with a study of the town informed by the architects, planners and local historians and community groups of Monasterevin and Kildare. This was followed by a study by the students of: the uses of the buildings, the transport links, the history of how the town developed and the distance people travel to shops, schools.

These studies allowed the students-working in teams- to develop proposals for the civic realm and an overall town strategy. The students then worked with the local community and the group MAIN (Men Alone In No-man's land) to develop designs for the 'manshed'. The 'manshed' is a space for unemployed men to work together and engage in conversation. The students proposed restoring a number of underused or disused buildings in the town as a suitable location for these building types.

This was followed by an exploration of residential types that would reinforce the existing town morphology. The combination of house types explored both the needs of the town and the stages of life of the residents.

The third project built on the town study and explored the idea of linking the existing routes through the town to make a series of interventions to reinforce the overall existing town pattern. The students worked in groups at the start of the project to define their area of study in the town and to examine the relationship between the proposed and existing town fabric. The final project in the year was based around the study of recycled materials. This understanding of one material became a method to make architecture.





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Upon completion of the year's work the students made a presentation to Kildare County Council and the work was exhibited in Monasterevin.

Credits

Students of second year architecture:

Jaroslav Adamczuk Ilze Antonova Maire-Claire Bligh Conor Bourke Nevan Buckley John Calter Cora Carbajo Melon Alice Clarke George Cooney Hannah Crehan Niamh Denny Aidan Devlin Amandine Di Ciaccio William Durkan Sophie El Nimr Claire Fitzpatrick Graham Flaherty Jamie Flynn David Graham Eva Hemmingsson Nigel Holmes Wayne Holmes Ryan Hughes Rebecca Kelly Shaunagh Keogan Aaron Kirk Oksana Korotkova Carl Laffan Ronan Lonergan Rebecca Mangan Gillian McAllen Stephen Mcgettigan Eoghan Mckendry Thomas McPhillips Thomas Moore Suzanne Mullally Ciara Murnane Andrew Murphy Claudia Murray Etain Neary Katie Nicholson Daire Nolan Donnacha Oconnell Shelly-Ann Odea Orla Odonnell Silvia Paiva Kate Rushe Ciaran Sheridan David Smith Andrew Sterritt Colin Sweeney Ailbhe Walsh Matthew Walsh James Ward Mathew Webb Katie Wolahan Jack Worrall

Community Partners:

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Local Community members of Monasterevin

Advisors:

Kildare County Council

Staff:

Jennifer Boyer Amanda Bone Patrick Flynn Emma Geoghegan Mike Haslam Orla O'Callaghan Martin Spillane

